

Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Annual Report September 2013-July 2014



The Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB) has accomplished much this past year that helps explain the nature and purpose of its work. The following are some of their accomplishments:

- Provided recommendations to the County Executive and County Council on priorities and matters pertaining to land use, zoning and development that help support business development as well as neighborhood development and public safety throughout the mid-county region;
- Supported policies and initiatives that strengthen healthy transportation enhancements throughout the Georgia Avenue corridor;
- Invited and hosted community and civic leaders to meetings to gain a better understanding of the challenges they face in their communities;
- Sent representatives to attend meetings with civic associations to hear from residents on community issues and bridge the divide between the community and the government;
- Members represented MCCAB on the following committees:
 - Department of Permitting Services
 - Nighttime Economy Task Force
 - Olney Town Center Advisory Committee
 - Pepco Working Group
 - Wheaton Library/Recreation Center
 - Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee
- Hosted the County Executives Annual Operating Budget Forum
- Engaged in dialogue with several members of the County Council and their staff regarding important mid-county and County-wide issues.



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2013-2014 Correspondence List to the County Executive & County Council

September 30th, 2013: [MCCAB thank you on Capitol Improvement Projects \(CIP\) meeting](#)

December 19th, 2013: [MCCAB letter on FY 15 operating budget](#)

December 19th, 2013: [MCCAB Wheaton Youth Center letter](#)

December 19th, 2013: [MCCAB Zoning Rewrite letter](#)

January 29th, 2013: [MCCAB Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) letter](#)

February 24th, 2014: [MCCAB transportation priorities](#)

March 18th, 2014: [MCCAB thank you](#) on change to transportation priorities

April 15th, 2014: MCCAB letter on supporting the increase to the CIP budget for the Wheaton Re-development project

May 28th, 2014: MCCAB letter on addressing predatory towing

June 19th, 2014: MCCAB letter on concerns related to the future 97/28 Interchange Project

Note: all agendas, minutes and correspondence can be found online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/midcounty/mccabindex.html



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The fifteen members of the MCCAB are selected from among applicants who reside, work or volunteer in the Mid-County service area. Each member is appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council for a three year term. An MCCAB member may also request appointment to a second term. Attendance at regular meetings is required. A member who is absent from 25 percent or more of scheduled official full MCCAB meetings during any six month period is considered to have resigned from the MCCAB.

The MCCAB membership also may include Associate Members who participate as non-voting members at MCCAB meetings, and Liaison Members from other County Boards and other civic and community organizations that facilitate and improve communications between and among community groups and the MCCAB.

MCCAB Member	Standing Committee	Neighborhood/ Community Representative
Mensah Adjogah	Transportation, Land Use and Zoning	Layhill
Luis Bonilla	Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee	Wheaton
Gregory Intoccia, Vice-Chair	Transportation, Land Use & Zoning	Olney
Patrick Lahr Secretary	Transportation, Land Use & Zoning	Silver Spring
Kieran McHargue Chair	Quality of Life & Budget	Forest Glen/Mckenney Hills
Richard Newman	Transportation, Land Use and Zoning	Olney
Anna O'Donnell		Forest Glen/Mckenney Hills
Kimberly Owusukoko	Quality of Life & Budget	Silver Spring
Oriole Saah	Quality of Life & Budget	Glenmont
Robert Shoenberg	Transportation, Land Use and Zoning	Wheaton
Gamunu (Gam) Wijetunge	Quality of Life & Budget	Wheaton
Will Walker		Silver Spring
Zuberi Williams	Quality of Life & Budget	Kemp Mill
Brenita Young Parliamentarian	Transportation, Land Use and Zoning	Silver Spring




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The MCCAB meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Mid-County Regional Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, MD 20902 at 7:00 p.m. Each year in July the MCCAB members elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian and Secretary who serve for one year and can serve 2 consecutive years.

The MCCAB structure also includes two permanent standing committees. Each MCCAB member joins at least one committee. Each committee meets, on average, 10 times per year. The MCCAB's standing committees consist of the Land Use, Zoning & Transportation Committee and the Quality of Life & Budget Committee. The Executive Committee, composed of the four elected officers and the chairs of the committees, plans the recommended strategic work of the MCCAB. The general areas of responsibility of the standing committees are the following:

The Land Use, Zoning & Transportation Committee deals with issues involving master plans, zoning and subdivision requirements, special exceptions, neighborhood and commercial revitalization, sewer water category changes, and related issues including impact fees, assessments and other charges. It helps evaluate changes in land use development affecting the broad region, the County, sub-areas, communities, commercial areas, neighborhoods, individual properties, as well as any legislative issues under its purview. Lastly, the committee addresses issues involving all aspects of transportation, infrastructure and pedestrian safety for both County and State roads. The committee may also review legislative matters pertaining to transportation.

The Quality of Life & Budget Committee deals with issues brought to the MCCAB by community members as well as "quality of life" matters pertaining to the Mid-County region. "Quality of life" matters can include: housing, code enforcement, public health and safety, education, youth issues and the environment. They also deal with issues involving the County Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the Public Services Program (PSP), which encompasses the County's operating budget. The committee helps evaluate CIP issues including improvements for highways, transit, water and sewer, lighting, other utilities, parks and other County property, and other capital expenditures supporting commercial or neighborhood revitalization. It helps evaluate multi-year and annual budget plans supporting County operations and services, including the overall framework of revenues and expenditures as well as any legislative issues under its purview.

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The MCCAB serves as Montgomery County's bridge to the 220,000 residents and businesses throughout the 99 square miles of the Mid-County service area. The boundaries of that area extend north along Georgia Avenue to the Howard County line; south to the I-495 Beltway; east to Sligo Creek Parkway, and west to Rock Creek Park. The MCCAB serves as a liaison between the wide network of mid-county communities including Aspen Hill, Brookeville, Capital View, Derwood, Flower Valley, Forest Glen, Glenmont, Kemp Mill, Kensington, Layhill, Laytonsville, Norbeck, Olney, Sandy Spring, Upper Rock Creek, and Wheaton; and Montgomery County agencies.

The MCCAB is statutorily charged with providing advice to the County Executive, County Council and the Director of the Mid-County Regional Services Center. In order to carry out this function the MCCAB holds public meetings where it discusses and receives input on a number of issues impacting the mid-county region. Traditionally this work has encompassed reviewing and commenting on proposed zoning and section map amendments, master plans and related plan amendments, six year capital improvements program (CIP) of County and Bi-County agencies, operating budgets of County and Bi-County agencies, health and human services matters, land acquisition by County and other government agencies, location and design of fire stations, schools, recreation centers, libraries, and other government buildings and facilities, transportation routes, schedules and services within the County, including School busing, and all other matters coming before the County government for decision which relate to, or affect, the Mid-County Regional Center's service area. Additionally the MCCAB has served to advise the Director of the Mid-County Regional Center in identifying demographic, economic, and social patterns in the area.



The first Citizen Advisory Board was created by Council Resolution 8-449, introduced and adopted on September 2, 1975. This resolution established a Silver Spring Area Citizens Advisory Board with membership to be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The Silver Spring Area Citizens Advisory Board was to be large enough so that it could be divided into subcommittees as necessary and so that it could be constituted as to reflect the varying points of view of the community but not be an advocate for a majority position. Subsequent to this action on January 30, 1979, by Resolution 9-40, the Wheaton Center Citizens Advisory Board was established and subsequently renamed the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board.